

## Drapes for RATT

Music Television junkies will be further protected from reality when RATT puts up its drapes this month.

The SU-run business bought a satellite dish in mid-February and has been showing MTV since then, but found sunlight blocked the screen's view.

"We spent \$6500 on the satellite dish so it's only logical that people should be able to see MTV," said RATT waiter Vince Craig.

But regular RATT patron Sheryl Jackson says she prefers to be in the bar without having to watch MTV, since everyone is watching the screen instead of talking to one another.

Craig insists the behaviour of the students in RATT hasn't changed with the introduction of MTV: "The customers are still conversing with each other. They treat the videos just like a stereo - sometimes they'll look at the screen and listen, other times they'll ignore it."

Arts student Lisa Schnell figures it would be cheaper if the SU pasted up anglophone signs to the windows to block out light. She was referring to a Council decision to make all signs in SUB bilingual.

There was some concern that patrons would rather take in the magnificent view in RATT than watch videos. But SU Business Manager Tom Wright says the new drapes, which will cost around \$2500, are removable.

SU President Robert Greenhill remarked, "I hope they (RATT employees) won't mind moving the drapes like they don't mind serving sandwiches."

Craig says the drapes are needed - especially in the summer. "It doesn't get dark until 10:30 in the summer and our last call is 11:45. I mean, what's the use of having the satellite if we're only going to turn MTV on for an hour?"

Despite the scattered complaints, Wright projects RATT to do much better with the drapes up. Since MTV came to RATT, business has increased by 15 per cent. Last week, RATT grossed \$9000, the highest revenue week of the year.



Spring sings a song of love. Forever young, before a nuclear war.

## PC candidates lean to the right

by Denise Workun

The issue of free enterprise dominated the discussion at a forum of nine PC candidates Monday night.

"The best government at all levels is the least government. Pure free enterprise is the best system," said Lex Miller, one of the candidates seeking the nomination to replace Doug Roche in the Edmonton South constituency.

All of the candidates followed Miller's ideology.

Only seven of the ten candidates running for the position spoke at the forum: Mike Belair, Ian Crawford, Doug Ford, Lex Miller, Gary Davidge, Audrey Heremchuk, and Ann Tweedle. They addressed both national and party policies before a crowd of about 100.

Two other candidates, Jim Edwards and Bruce Cormie, sent representatives to the forum to speak on their behalf.

All candidates were optimistic the Conservatives will form the next government. They expressed a general concern for the direction of both Canada and its present government.

"Uncontrolled" crown corporations received considerable attention in the presentations. Most advocated the privatization

of what Doug Ford referred to as "retirement homes for liberal cronies."

Their lack of accountability and chronic deficit spending were cited as the principle drawbacks of crown corporations.

"These companies lose money because they have no incentive not to," said Ford.

"When the private sector can handle it, it should be run privately," stated Miller.

Ford suggested that the profit from the sales of these corporations be put into the treasury as a means of financing the federal deficit.

The existing tax system was also attacked. "The poor and the rich don't pay while the middle class pays the whole bill," said Ford.

"Mike Belair charged, 'People have been taxed to the point that they can't afford it anymore.'"

He voiced concern about the "excessive taxation on the businessman."

Several candidates expressed opposition to the universality of some government social programs.

Many of these programs are "socialist and will carry us toward

more of a controlled state," said Ian Crawford.

Unemployment was another major concern. Miller insisted "long range employment programs must be developed immediately."

Several of the PCs voiced their support for foreign investment. "Foreign investment made Canada one of the greatest nations on earth," said Miller.

Audrey Heremchuk stated, "We must make certain Canada is where foreign and domestic capital want to go."

Canada's role in relation to the Third World was also mentioned. According to Heremchuk, Canada must work toward developing the Third World "to be assured of an adequate market for our goods."

Only a small portion of the discussion focussed on university issues.

One suggestion, put forward by Gary Davidge, was to push the federal government to recognize the university as an institution eligible for funding as part of the employment creation program.

The nomination meeting to select the PC candidate for the upcoming federal election will be held on April 9th.

## Student rodeo

Yeewhaw, yip yip yahoo, ride 'em cowboy, yeeeeeewhaw, haw....

Nine universities and colleges will be participating in an inter-collegiate rodeo this weekend.

This Friday and Saturday at the Hobbema Agriplex students will be participating in a variety of

events, ranging from wild bull and bronc riding to barrel racing.

Sponsored by the University of Alberta Rodeo Club, the event will begin this Friday at 7:00 PM and continue Saturday morning.

Anyone requiring more information on the Rodeo should call Matthew Campbell of the Club at 432-2098.

## Starting off in a business

Are you afraid you won't be able to find a summer job this summer? A viable alternative may lie in starting your own business. You can register, incorporate and become a business entity unto yourself and make money. Does this appeal to your sense of independence but you don't know where to start?

On Monday, March 19, from 7:30 to 10:00 PM, the Hire a Student office will be holding an information seminar on starting your own business. The seminar will be held in Little Theatre, H5. Topics discussed will include: the legal aspects involved, taxation

and recordkeeping required, licensing, and other areas designed to help you get your business off the ground.

If you do have an idea, but are not sure whether it will be profitable, Hire a Student is willing to give you a hand. They will look at your idea and help you analyze the market potential.

If it is a viable project, Hire a Student will also help in areas of developing contracts, contacts, and advertising. During the summer months, Hire a Student provides a FREE referral service to student businessmen. Employers contact the office with job orders,

## Parking services scolded

by Dan Watson

Joyce Kurie, an Administrative Assistant in the Botany Department, is upset with Parking Services after she had to pay thirty dollars in parking fines for a car which was not even her own.

In September two fifteen dollar parking tickets were issued to a vehicle belonging to Kurie's daughter. Kurie was not driving the vehicle at the time.

Parking Services traced the licence number of the vehicle to an alternate parking permit that had been registered to Kurie last year. The permit had expired and was no longer on the vehicle.

Faculty members are entitled to alternate parking permits, which allow registered vehicles to park in the place of the vehicle for which the primary parking permit was issued.

Kurie complained about the tickets to Parking Services. She said "I thought that would be the end of it."

But that wasn't the end of it. In February, Kurie noticed that thirty dollars had been deducted from her paycheck for parking charges.

"I looked at my check and noticed that the automatic parking deduction was for thirty dollars more than the usual," said Kurie.

She wrote a letter of complaint to the VP of Facilities and Services, Ron Phillips. She promptly received a written apology along with a promise that her money would be refunded.

Kevin Campbell, an Administrative Assistant in Parking Services, said "this type of thing is very rare." Phillips added, "these were very unusual circumstances." He also said that Kurie's money had been refunded, but as of yesterday Kurie had not received the refund.

Kurie said that the main thing she was concerned with was that "someone who doesn't look at their paycheck closely might not even notice that money has been deducted."

According to section seven of the Traffic and Parking Regulations, Parking Services has the authority to have any unpaid parking fines deducted from a University staff member's paycheck.

In the case of a student with outstanding fines, marks and transcripts can be withheld and registration denied until the fines are paid.

There is also the possibility of suspension or expulsion from the university.

